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SUMMARY. TRANSMITTED HERewith IS A SUMMARY OF HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT AND EMBASSY PLANNING FOR THE RETURN OF THE CROWN OF ST STEPHEN. THE HUNGARIANS BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE PROCEEDED IN THEIR PLANNING ABOUT AS FAR AS THEY CAN WITHOUT OFFICIAL INFORMATION FROM WASHINGTON AS TO COMPOSITION AND SIZE OF DELEGATION AND DEFINITE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES. END SUMMARY.

1. INTRODUCTION. THE CHARGE OBTAINED FROM BARTHA OF MFA THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE SCHEDULE OF THE USNP DELEGATION WHICH WILL RETURN THE CROWN OF ST STEPHEN. SCENARIOS OF IMPORTANT EVENTS, TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE PLANNED AT THIS STAGE, ARE ALSO TRANSMITTED. THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IS MAKING ITS PLANS ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE WITH THE CROWN ON JAN 5 AT APPROXIMATELY NOON, AND WILL DEPART JAN 7, AT THE LATEST 12 NOON.

2. SCHEDULE
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JAN 5 - 1200 (APPROXIMATELY) - DELEGATION ARRIVAL
HUNGARIAN RECEPTION COMMITTEE: HIGH RANKING.
BARTHA SAID THE RANK OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE COMPOSITION OF THE U.S. DELEGATION.
MEDIA: LIVE TV COVERAGE; UP TO 400 MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES EXPECTED.

PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS: THE AIRPORT WILL BE DECORATED WITH AMERICAN AND HUNGARIAN FLAGS. THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL STAND FOR DELEGATES AND A MILITARY HONOR GUARD AND BAND.

PROCEDURE: THE USDEL WILL BE GREETED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PLANE RAMP BY THE HUNGARIAN RECEPTION COMMITTEE. NO OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC ARRIVAL STATEMENTS ARE PLANNED. THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE WILL ESCORT THE USDDH TO THE OFFICIAL STAND, APPROXIMATELY 50 METERS REMOVED FROM THE AIRCRAFT. AT THE SAME TIME, THE CROWN WILL BE UNLOADED FROM THE PLANE, PLACED IN A SPECIAL VEHICLE, AND DRIVEN TO IN FRONT OF THE STAND WHERE IT WILL REMAIN DURING THE CEREMONIES. THE USDEL AND RECEPTION COMMITTEE WILL PROCEED TO THE OFFICIAL STAND. UPON THEIR ARRIVAL THE U.S. AND HUNGARIAN NATIONAL ANTHEMS WILL BE PLAYED. THE MILITARY HONOR GUARD WILL THEN PASS IN REVIEW AND THE DELEGATIONS WILL DEPART THE AIRPORT. TOTAL TIME OF CEREMONY: 20 MINUTES.

1230 - DEPARTURE FROM AIRPORT TO CITY:

THE USDEL WILL DIVIDE INTO TWO UPON DEPARTURE FROM THE AIRPORT. THE BULK OF THE DELEGATION, ACCOMPANIED BY HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS, WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE DUNA INTERCONTINENTAL, WHERE THE ENTIRE DELEGATION WILL BE LODGED. A SMALLER PART OF THE DELEGATION, TO BE CALLED THE EXPERT DELEGATION, WILL ACCOMPANISH THE CROWN DIRECTLY TO PARLIAMENT.

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THE EXPERT DELEGATION, UPON ARRIVING AT PARLIAMENT, WILL CARRY OUT THE TECHNICAL TRANSFER OF THE CROWN TO THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT. AT THAT TIME THE HUNGARIANS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE CROWN AND CORONATION REGALIA. THESE RECEIPTS WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE MADE PART OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND FONMIN PUJA (SEE BELOW). UPON COMPLETION OF THE TECHNICAL TRANSFER, THE U.S. EXPERTS WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE DUNA INTERCONTINENTAL.

JAN 5 - AFTERNOON

1300 - USDEL ETA HOTEL DUNA INTERCONTINENTAL

1500 - GOH TO PREPARE A PROGRAM FOR THE DELEGATION

IF DESIRED. INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS FOR DELEGATES ALSO POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME.

1715 - DEPARTURE FROM HOTEL TO RESIDENCE OF AMBASSADOR KAISER.

1730 - RECEPTION FOR U.S. AND HUNGARIAN DELEGATIONS.

HOST: AMBASSADOR AND MRS. KAISER

1930 - CULTURAL PROGRAM IN HONOR OF USDEL (PROBABLY A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY THE FOLKLORE BALLET).

2200 - HUNGARIAN EVENING. UNOFFICIAL DINNER HOSTED BY

THE GOH AT A RESTAURANT WITH GYPSY MUSIC.

JAN 6

GOH PREPARED TO ORGANIZE INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS FOR USDEL MEMBERS WHO MAY WISH THEM. FOR THOSE MEMBERS NOT WISHING AN INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM, GOH PREPARED TO ORGANIZE VISITS TO PLACES OF INTEREST IN THE CITY, SUCH AS THE CASTLE DISTRICT.

1300 (APPROXIMATELY) - SEMI-OFFICIAL LUNCH FOR USDEL AT DUNA INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. HUNGARIAN DELEGATION WILL HOST.
SECRETARY VANCE

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1300 - (APPROXIMATELY) - ARRIVAL OF SECRETARY VANCE AND SMALL PARTY FROM PARIS. THE SECRETARY WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE AIRPORT BY FONMIN PUJA AND A HUNGARIAN RECEPTION COMMITTEE, THE COMPOSITION AND SIZE OF WHICH WILL BE DEPENDENT ON THE GROUP WHICH ACCOMPANIES THE SECRETARY. MRS. PUJA WILL BE PRESENT IF MRS. VANCE ARRIVES WITH THE SECRETARY. THERE WILL BE NO CEREMONY OR OFFICIAL REMARKS AT THE AIRPORT. PUJA WILL ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY (IN THE SAME CAR) TO THE DUNA INTERCONTINENTAL, WHERE THE SECRETARY CAN JOIN THE U.S. AND HUNGARIAN DELEGATIONS FOR LUNCH (SEE ABOVE) OR HAVE A PRIVATE LUNCH IN HIS SUITE.

1520 - SECRETARY VANCE AND USDEL DEPART HOTEL FOR PARLIAMENT.

1530 - MEETING WITH ANTAL APRO, PRESIDENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT, IN HIS OFFICE AT PARLIAMENT. (BARTHA INSISTED THAT APRO MUST MEET THE SECRETARY BEFORE THE RETURN CEREMONY).

1555 - APRO ESCORTS THE SECRETARY AND USDEL TO THE CUPOLA ROOM IN THE PARLIAMENT FOR THE TRANSFER

CEREMONY.

TRANSFER CEREMONY

1600 - THE SECRETARY AND USDEL, ACCOMPANIED BY APRO,
ARRIVE IN THE CUPOLA ROOM OF THE PARLIAMENT. THE
CROWN AND CORONATION REGALIA WILL BE DISPLAYED IN
THE CENTER OF THE ROOM. PRESENT WILL BE APPROXI-
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MATELY 700 PEOPLE: 400 PRESS, AMERICAN EMBASSY
PERSONNEL, AND 200 HUNGARIANS WHO WILL HAVE
RECEIVED OFFICIAL INVITATIONS, INCLUDING:
GYORGY LAZAR - PRIME MINISTER
CYORGY ACZEL - DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
REZSO TRAUTMAN - VICE PRESIDENT
JANOS PETER - DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT
IMRE POZSAGY - MINISTER OF CULTURE
FRIGYES PUJA - FOREIGN MINISTER
GYULA KALLAI - PRESIDENT, PEOPLE'S PATRIOTIC FRONT
ZOLTAN SZEPEVOLGYI - MAYOR OF BUDAPEST
LASZLO LEKAI - CARDINAL-PRIMATE
TIBOR BARTHA - LUTHERAN BISHOP
LASZLO SALGO - CHIEF RABBI

1600 - HUNGARIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM OR SOME OTHER SUITABLE
MUSIC.

1605 - SPEECH BY SECRETARY VANCE, FOLLOWED BY TRANSLA-
TION.

1615 - REPLY BY APRO, FOLLOWED BY TRANSLATION.

(TEXTS TO BE EXCHANGED IN ADVANCE).

1625 - TOAST (NO PUBLIC REMARKS).

1630 - PARLIAMENTARY GUARD REMOVES THE CROWN AND
CORONATION REGALIA AND RECEPTION COMMENCES.

MEDIA COVERAGE: THE ENTIRE CEREMONY WILL BE
COVERED BY LIVE TV. APPROXIMATELY 400 TOTAL PRESS
REPRESENTATIVES EXPECTED.

1720 - SECRETARY VANCE AND USEL DEPART RECEPTION FOR
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LOSONCZI IN HIS OFFICE IN
PARLIAMENT.

1730 - MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LOSONCZI (MEDIA
COVERAGE).

1800 - SECRETARY VANCE AND USDEL DEPART PARLIAMENT FOR
HOTEL.

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2000 - OFFICIAL DINNER GIVEN BY ANTAL APRO IN HONOR OF
THE SECRETARY AND THE USDEL. DRESS: DARK SUIT;
WOMEN MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION AND WIVES MAY WEAR

EITHER LONG OR SHORT DRESSES (LONG RECOMMENDED).
PLACE OF DINNER TO BE DETERMINED ONCE SIZE OF
USDEL KNOWN. AT THE DINNER, MR. APRO WILL DELIVER A
SHORT BUT OFFICIAL TOAST. HE PLANS TO PICK UP ON
THEMES WHICH ARE MENTIONED AT THE TURNOVER
CEREMONY, DISUCSS HUNGARIAN-U.S. RELATIONS (PAST
AND FUTURE), AND MAKE A POSITIVE REFERENCE TO THE
TWO COUNTRIES' HISTORICAL TIES. THE SECRETARY WILL
BE EXPECTED TO RESPOND. THIS TOAST AND THE
SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT THE RETURN CEREMONY ARE HIS
ONLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC REMARKS.

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JAN 7

0900 - MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND FONMIN PUJA
AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. AT THIS MEETING THE
SECRETARY AND PUJA WILL EXCHANGE LETTERS ACKNOW-
LEDGING RECEIPT OF THE CROWN AND RELEASING USG
FROM ANY CLAIMS. FONMIN PUJA ALSO DESIRES AN
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL
QUESTIONS AT THIS MEETING.

THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO ARRANGE
INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DELEGATION MEMBERS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR DESIRES.

DEPARTURE

THE DEPARTURE TIME REMAINS OPEN. THE USDEL WILL
BE SEEN OFF BY THOSE HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS WHO WERE
ORIGINALLY IN THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE. THE SECRETARY
WILL BE ESCORTED TO THE AIRPORT BY FONMIN PUJA.

3. HUNGARIAN REQUESTS. BARTHA HAD THE FOLLOWING

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, TO WHICH HE HOPES TO RECEIVE ANSWERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE SO THAT HUNGARIAN PLANNING CAN PROCEED.

A. TYPE OF AIRCRAFT WHICH WILL BRING THE USDEL AND THE CROWN, WITH SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON HOW THE CROWN CAN BE UNLOADED SO THAT IT CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE ARRIVAL CEREMONY.
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B. WILL USDEL FLY DIRECTLY FROM THE U.S. AND THEREFORE DESIRE TO REST THE AFTERNOON OF JAN 5, OR WILL IT STOP OVER IN WESTERN EUROPE AND THEREFORE WANT A PROGRAM?

C. VISAS. U.S. OFFICIALS SHOULD APPLY FOR VISAS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. GOH REQUESTS AN ADVANCE LIST OF MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY FROM PARIS TO BUDAPEST. THIS WILL FACILITATE THEIR VISA ISSUANCE, EITHER IN PARIS OR AT THE AIRPORT IN BUDAPEST. THE GOH ASSUMES THAT THE PRESS WHICH WILL ACCOMPANY THE DELEGATION FROM WASHINGTON WILL APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE VISAS IN WASHINGTON. OTHER PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL MAKE INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS IN VARIOUS CAPITALS, ALL OF WHICH WILL BE EXPEDITED.

D. INFORMATION ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION.

E. NAME OF THE HEAD OF THE U.S. EXPERT DELEGATION WHO WILL SUPERVISE THE TECHNICAL TRANSFER OF THE CROWN.

F. SECURITY. BARTHA PROMISED FULL COOPERATION FROM HUNGARIAN SECURITY, BUT WILL NEED FULL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR NEEDS AND STAFF PERSONNEL.

G. LOGISTICS. THE GOH HAS RESERVED TWO FLOORS (APPROXIMATELY 85 ROOMS) OF THE DUNA INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL FOR THE NIGHTS OF JAN 5 AND 6 FOR THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION. IT HAS ALSO RESERVED TEN ROOMS AT THE HILTON FOR THOSE STAFF MEMBERS WHO MAY WISH TO STAY THERE WHERE THE PRESS CENTER WILL BE LOCATED. (SEE SEPTEL.) BARTHA SAID THAT, IF WE ARE WILLING, SECRETARY VANCE, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION, AS WELL AS TECHNICAL MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION (INCLUDING THE PLANE CREWS) WILL BE GUESTS OF THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT. THE GOH WILL TAKE CARE OF ALL HOTEL EXPENSES AND TRANSPORTATION. IF USG REGULATIONS
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PRECLUDE OUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS OFFER, THE GOH WILL UNDERSTAND. IN THIS CONNECTION, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS

WE ACCEPT OFFER OF TRANSPORTATION IN VIEW OF SHORTAGE
OF USG VEHICLES AND DIFFICULTY OF RENTING OTHER SUIT-
ABLE TRANSPORTATION.

4. OUR SCHEDULING SUGGESTION IN STATE 304412 ARE
REFLECTED IN THE SCHEDULE GIVEN ABOVE. IN ADDITION,
MFA HAS TOLD US IT IS WILLING TO ELIMINATE ITS PROPOSED
LUNCH ON JAN 6 TO ALLOW THE SECRETARY AND USDEL TO HAVE
A PRIVATE LUNCH. IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT,
EMBASSY COULD ARRANGE SUCH A LUNCH AT THE HOTEL OR AT
AMBASSADOR AND MRS. KAISER'S RESIDENCE. IN THE
LATTER CASE, WE WOULD ELIMINATE THE AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION
THE EVENING OF JAN 5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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